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1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR WAS GRANTED SIXTH VISIT TO
CRAWFORD JUNE 26 AT 1700 HOURS ALONG WITH I-H
ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL ROBERT W. BOOTH WHO HAD
ARRIVED IN MOSCOW JUNE 25. VISIT LASTED ABOUT 70
MINUTES.

2. BOOTH CONVEYED TO CRAWFORD STRONG CONCERN OF
I-H FOR HIS WELFARE AND DETAILED SOME OF MEASURES
TAKEN BY I-H OFFICIALS ALL THE WAY UP TO MCCORMACK
WHO HAVE MET WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AND OTHER SOVIET
OFFICIALS. BOOTH TOLD CRAWFORD COMPANY WAS
FOCUSSING ITS EFFORTS IN RESOLVING MATTER IN BEST
INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND ALL INDIVIDUALS
CONCERNED.

3. REGARDING INTERROGATION BY INVESTIGATOR MAJOR
BELYAYEV, CRAWFORD REPORTED THAT QUESTIONING
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CONTINUED JUNE 23-24 ON DESULTORY LINE REGARDING
CRAWFORD'S RUBLE PURCHASES. CRAWFORD CONTINUES TO
MAINTAIN HE HAS NEVER PURCHASED RUBLES FROM PRIVATE
CITIZENS AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO REASON FOR HIM
TO DO SO, SINCE I-H HAS PAID ALL EXPENSES IN HARD
CURRENCY. BELYAYEV NAMED THE THREE SOVIET CITIZENS
FROM WHOM CRAWFORD HAS ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED RUBLES

FOR U.S. DOLLARS: VOLODYA AND LUSYA KISELEV AND LARISSA FUZMANOVA (INTRODUCED TO CRAWFORD BY MARK WEBER AS REPORTED PARA 5 REFTEL (A).

4. ON JUNE 25, ACCORDING TO CRAWFORD, COL VOLODIN FOR FIRST TIME SINCE INITIAL QUESTIONING AT TIME OF ARREST, INTERROGATED HIM. VOLODIN BEGAN BY READING A PROTOCOL, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE KISELEVS HAVE SIGNED A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT BETWEEN 1977 AND PRESENT, CRAWFORD PURCHASED 20, 000 RUBLES FROM THEM FOR U.S. \$8,000. ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL, FUZMANOVA HAS ALSO SIGNED DEPOSITION TO EFFECT THAT CRAWFORD PURCHASED RUBLES FROM HER AND ALSO HAD INTIMATE RELATIONS WITH HER. CRAWFORD HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED ALL THESE CHARGES.

5. VOLODIN THEN BEGAN ENTIRELY NEW LINE OF QUESTIONING, ACCORDING TO CRAWFORD. HE HAS DELVED INTO CRAWFORD'S BACKGROUND, SCHOOL, JOBS, CRAWFORD'S DISSOLVED TRUCKING COMPANY, MILITARY SERVICE AND ALLEGED SPECIAL AIR FORCE TRAINING THEREIN, CONTACTS AT EMBASSY, ETC.

6. VOLODIN CLAIMED CRAWFORD RECEIVED SPECIAL TRAINING AT FORT HOLABIRD WHICH CRAWFORD INSISTED SERVED ONLY AS HIS INDUCTION CENTER INTO AIR FORCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOLODIN ALSO REFUSES TO ACCEPT CRAWFORD'S ASSERTION THAT AFTER BOUT OF SEVERAL MONTHS WITH DOUBLE PNEUMONIA, CRAWFORD WAS PERMITTED TO LEAVE AIR FORCE (AFTER TOTAL OF 6-7 MOS SERVICE) WITH FORFEITURE OF G.I. BENEFITS.

7. IN RESPONSE TO VOLODIN'S INQUIRY RE OFFICES IN EMBASSY HE VISITED, CRAWFORD STATED THAT HE HAS VISITED COMMERCIAL OFFICE, EMBASSY SNACK BAR FOR LUNCH, EMBASSY GARAGE FOR SPARE PARTS, AND COMMISSARY FOR MILK. VOLODIN ASKED HIM TO WRITE DOWN NAMES OF EVERYBODY HE KNEW AT EMBASSY BUT CRAWFORD STATED HE REFUSED TO DO SO ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS NOT RELATED TO CURRENCY VIOLATION CHANGE. HOWEVER, CRAWFORD ORALLY RESPONDED THAT HE WAS ACQUAINTED PRIMARILY WITH FOUR PEOPLE AT EMBASSY. USCO DIRECTOR FARRAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR SIND, MISS OLBRISH AND AMBASSADOR.

8. MAJOR BELYAYEV HAS REPORTEDLY SINCE COMMENTED TO CRAWFORD THAT "MAYBE YOU WERE PASSING RUBLES PURCHASED ILLEGALLY TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS."

9. DURING MORNING OF JUNE 26, CONSULAR COUNSELOR AND
I-H ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL BOOTH
HAD ATTEMPTED TO CALL ON LEONID POPOV, PROPOSED
SOVIET LAWYER FOR CRAWFORD, PER PARA TWO REFTTEL (B).
THEY WERE TOLD BY RECEPTIONIST AT LAWYERS'
COLLEGIUM THAT "POPOV IS SICK AND WILL NOT BE
AVAILABLE FOR TWO-THREE DAYS." LIKEWISE "NOT
AVAILABLE" FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE TWO VISITORS
WAS SKLYARSKIY OR ANY OTHER LAWYER AT THE
COLLEGIUM. TOON

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